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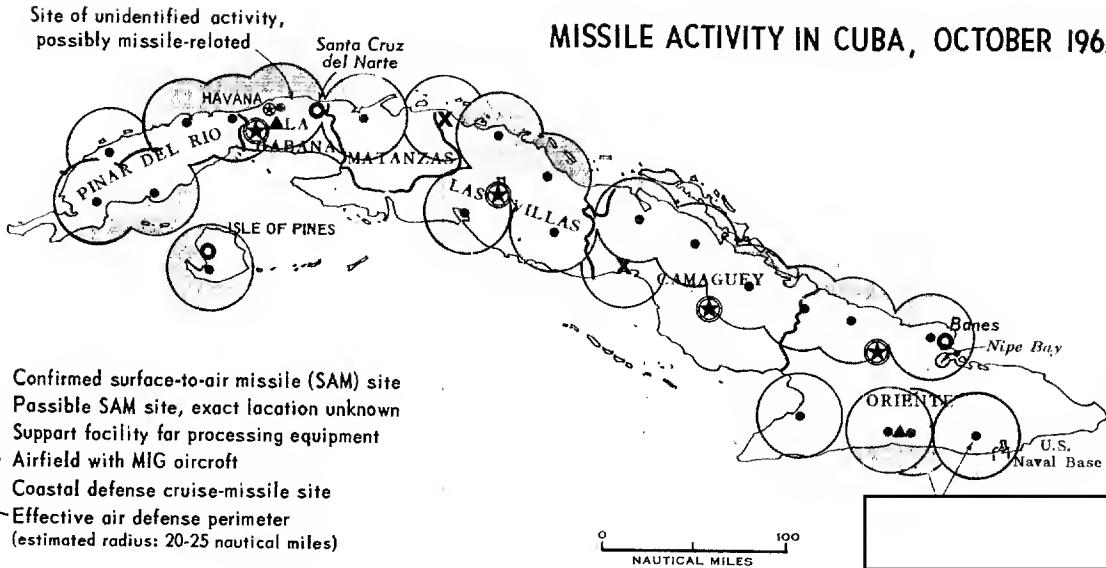
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(*Cuba--Missile Sites: Two additional SA-2 surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites have been installed in Oriente province, one of them within range of the air lanes serving the US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay.)

(A previously identified SAM site at Santa Lucia in Pinar del Rio province has apparently been abandoned and the equipment formerly located there moved to an unknown location. Thus, 21 confirmed SAM installations have been identified.)

(A SAM support area similar to one previously identified near Havana has been noted near Santiago de Cuba in Oriente province. In this area there are 35 missile trailers and 75 missile containers.)

(At least seven of the previously identified SAM installations have been completed to the point where missiles are on the launchers. Some of them are probably operational, [redacted])

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[redacted] Light anti-aircraft emplacements--probably radar-controlled 57-mm. automatic weapons--which are a normal complement to SA-2 sites have been installed at least at one of the sites in Cuba.) [redacted]

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South Korea: South Korean authorities fear that growing student agitation will develop into large-scale disturbances.

The students are protesting the government's requirement that they take a standard national examination before receiving a college degree. Students at second-rate universities fear that many of them will not pass the examination, and that they will be denied degrees even though they have completed all their college work. Last year only 60 percent of the students passed.

Senior students are threatening to boycott the examinations, and some campus rallies have been held. While the government will seek to avoid using force against the students, it is apparently resolved to enforce its requirement.

Ambassador Berger comments that the controversy is not a major crisis at the moment but that one "could blow up quickly."

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Laos: Premier Souvanna appears to be making a determined bid for genuine neutrality in Laos.

Souvanna claims to have won Sarit's understanding for his policies during a visit to Thailand this week. He plans shortly to visit Hanoi--and possibly Peiping--to press for withdrawal of North Vietnamese elements remaining in Laos.

Souvanna's recent actions have drawn Pathet Lao charges that he is being won over by the rightists. The Pathet Lao were particularly displeased when he was granted special powers for one year by the National Assembly, which they consider an illegal body. In a recent cabinet meeting, the Pathet Lao minister of information angrily accused Souvanna of abandoning neutrality.

The Pathet Lao can be expected to adopt an even more intransigent stand if Souvanna persists in an independent course.

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Dominican Republic: Strikes and leftist agitation are increasing with the approach of the elections scheduled for 20 December, the first free elections in more than 30 years.

Pro-Castro and other elements which lack wide public support apparently hope to stir up enough unrest to force the cancellation of the elections until they can create a more propitious climate.

The strike which began on 1 October at a large government-managed sugar mill complex was apparently the result of Communist agitation. It threatens to spread to the rest of the sugar industry. On the other hand, some of the strikes, such as the one at an Alcoa subsidiary, were apparently touched off by non-Communist politicians seeking the labor vote.

Orderly transition to an elected government depends to a considerable extent on Antonio Imbert, member of the interim Council of State and one of the two surviving participants in Trujillo's assassination. Imbert does not intend to relinquish power. For months he has been building his influence within the military. He may attempt to stage a coup if he feels the transition does not assure perpetuation of his influence.

Candidates for president, vice president, and a bicameral congress are to be nominated at party conventions which begin on 19 October.

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